

How do I become a resource parent? In Indiana resource parents must be licensed by the state Department of Child Services. When becoming licensed as a resource parent certain requirements must be met. These requirements include actions such as attending 20 hours of pre-service training, demonstrating financial stability, passing an environmental inspection, provide medical statements for all household members, and demonstrating emotional stability. Child Protection Services History checks are required for all household members 0-13 years, criminal and civil history checks for those aged 14-17 years, and checks including fingerprinting for those 18 and older. See [DCS Policy](#) for specific information regarding the types of criminal background checks performed. Once requirements are met, licenses are recommended through each of the county's departments or through private [Licensed Child Placing Agencies](#) that serve the county departments with therapeutic foster care. Licenses are then issued by the Department of Child Services' Central Office.